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Bugs due to data races in multithreaded programs often exhibit non-deterministic symptoms and are notoriously difficult to find. This paper describes RaceTrack, a dynamic race detection tool that tracks the actions of a program and reports a warning whenever a suspicious pattern of activity has been observed. RaceTrack uses a novel hybrid detection algorithm and employs an adaptive approach that automatically directs more effort to areas that are more suspicious, thus providing more accurate war ...

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4 Memory: Coupling prefix caching and collective downloads for remote dataset access



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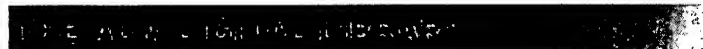
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Software code caches are becoming ubiquitous, in dynamic optimizers, runtime tool platforms, dynamic translators, fast simulators and emulators, and dynamic compilers. Caching frequently executed fragments of code provides significant performance boosts, reducing the overhead of translation and emulation and meeting or exceeding native performance in dynamic optimizers. One disadvantage of caching, memory expansion, can sometimes be ignored when executing a single application. However, as optimiz ...

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4 DFTI---a new interface for Fast Fourier Transform libraries

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The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm that calculates the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) is one of the major breakthroughs in scientific computing and is now an

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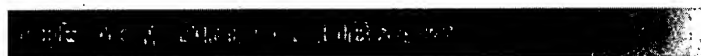
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We propose a dynamic aspect-oriented system for operating system (OS) kernels written in the C language. Unlike other similar systems, our system named *KLASY* allows the users to pointcut not only function calls but also member accesses to structures. This feature helps the developers who want to use aspects for profiling or debugging an OS kernel. To enable this, *KLASY* uses a modified C compiler for compiling an OS kernel. The modified compiler produces extended symbol information, which ...

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As the gap between processor and memory speeds continues to widen, methods for evaluating memory system designs before they are implemented in hardware are becoming increasingly important. One such method, trace-driven memory simulation, has been the subject of intense interest among researchers and has, as a result, enjoyed rapid development and substantial improvements during the past decade. This article surveys and analyzes these developments by establishing criteria for evaluating trac ...

Keywords: TLBs, caches, memory management, memory simulation, trace-driven simulation

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4 Valgrind: a framework for heavyweight dynamic binary instrumentation



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Dynamic binary instrumentation (DBI) frameworks make it easy to build dynamic binary analysis (DBA) tools such as checkers and profilers. Much of the focus on DBI frameworks has been on performance; little attention has been paid to their capabilities. As a result, we believe the potential of DBI has not been fully exploited.

In this paper we describe Valgrind, a DBI framework designed for building heavyweight DBA tools. We focus on its unique support for *shadow values*-a powerfu ...

Keywords: Memcheck, Valgrind, dynamic binary analysis, dynamic binary instrumentation, shadow values

5 Using the SimOS machine simulator to study complex computer systems



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6 A comparison of software and hardware techniques for x86 virtualization



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Until recently, the x86 architecture has not permitted classical trap-and-emulate virtualization. Virtual Machine Monitors for x86, such as VMware® Workstation and Virtual PC, have instead used binary translation of the guest kernel code. However, both Intel and AMD have now introduced architectural extensions to support classical virtualization. We compare an existing software VMM with a new VMM designed for the emerging hardware support. Surprisingly, the hardware VMM often suffers lower ...

Keywords: MMU, SVM, TLB, VT, dynamic binary translation, nested paging, virtual machine monitor, virtualization, x86

**Security and eliability: Using VMM-based sensors to monitor honeypots**

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Virtual Machine Monitors (VMMs) are a common tool for implementing honeypots. In this paper we examine the implementation of a VMM-based intrusion detection and monitoring system for collecting information about attacks on honeypots. We document and evaluate three designs we have implemented on two open-source virtualization platforms: User-Mode Linux and Xen. Our results show that our designs give the monitor good visibility into the system and thus, a small number of monitoring sensors can det ...

Keywords: IDS, honeypot monitoring, intrusion detection, virtual machine monitor**8 Workshop on Dynamic Analysis (WODA): Merging traces of hardware-assisted data breakpoints**

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Future improvements in hardware and O/S support for monitoring programs will depend on providing feedback for current support (even if it is quite limited). We look at using hardware breakpoint registers and performance counters in order to trace data accesses in a program. We first present a small experiment to understand how these features can be used to monitor a program. and then detail an algorithm for using these limited resources to trace any amount of data accesses in a program and achie ...

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Dynamic instrumentation systems, used for program analysis, bug isolation, software security and simulations, are becoming increasingly popular. There exists a need to debug dynamically instrumented programs while keeping the presence of dynamic instrumentation system hidden from debug users. Existing debuggers use debug information in program binaries that have been generated by a compiler at static compile time, to provide their debug support. Since dynamic instrumentation systems generate pro ...

**11 Architectural support for software-based protection**

Mihai Budiu, Ulfar Erlingsson, Martín Abadi

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Control-Flow Integrity (CFI) is a property that guarantees program control flow cannot be subverted by a malicious adversary, even if the adversary has complete control of data memory. We have shown in prior work how CFI can be enforced by using inlined software guards that perform safety checks. The first part of this paper shows how modest Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) support can replace such guard code with single instructions. On the foundation of CFI we have implemented XFI: a protecti ...

Keywords: binary rewriting, control-flow graph, control-flow integrity, hardware support, memory protection, security, software fault isolation

12 Language-based security: Dynamic label binding at run-time



Yolanta Beres, Chris I. Dalton

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Information flow control allows enforcement of end-to-end confidentiality policies but has been difficult to put in practice. This paper introduces a pragmatic new approach for tracking information flow while the process is running at the same time applying dynamic label binding. The underlying implementation mechanism uses machine code instruction stream modification to track individual data movements and manipulations within the address space of an application. This gives the ability to precis ...

Keywords: data labeling, information flow control, labels

13 Fast data-locality profiling of native execution



Erik Berg, Erik Hagersten

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Performance tools based on hardware counters can efficiently profile the cache behavior of an application and help software developers improve its cache utilization. Simulator-based tools can potentially provide more insights and flexibility and model many different cache configurations, but have the drawback of large run-time overhead. We present StatCache, a performance tool based on a statistical cache model. It has a small run-time overhead while providing much of the flexibility of simulator ...

Keywords: cache behavior, profiling tool

14 Virtual machines: ReVirt: enabling intrusion analysis through virtual-machine logging and replay



George W. Dunlap, Samuel T. King, Sukru Cinar, Murtaza A. Basrai, Peter M. Chen

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Current system loggers have two problems: they depend on the integrity of the operating system being logged, and they do not save sufficient information to replay and analyze attacks that include any non-deterministic events. ReVirt removes the dependency on the

target operating system by moving it into a virtual machine and logging below the virtual machine. This allows ReVirt to replay the system's execution before, during, and after an intruder compromises the system, even if the intruder rep ...

15 Threads and input/output in the synthesis kernel



H. Massalin, C. Pu

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The Synthesis operating system kernel combines several techniques to provide high performance, including kernel code synthesis, fine-grain scheduling, and optimistic synchronization. Kernel code synthesis reduces the execution path for frequently used kernel calls. Optimistic synchronization increases concurrency within the kernel. Their combination results in significant performance improvement over traditional operating system implementations. Using hardware and software emulating a SUN 3 ...

16 Shade: a fast instruction-set simulator for execution profiling



Bob Cmelik, David Keppel

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Tracing tools are used widely to help analyze, design, and tune both hardware and software systems. This paper describes a tool called Shade which combines efficient instruction-set simulation with a flexible, extensible trace generation capability. Efficiency is achieved by dynamically compiling and caching code to simulate and trace the application program. The user may control the extent of tracing in a variety of ways; arbitrarily detailed application state information may be collected ...

17 An analysis of operating system behavior on a simultaneous multithreaded architecture



Joshua A. Redstone, Susan J. Eggers, Henry M. Levy

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This paper presents the first analysis of operating system execution on a simultaneous multithreaded (SMT) processor. While SMT has been studied extensively over the past 6 years, previous research has focused entirely on user-mode execution. However, many of the applications most amenable to multithreading technologies spend a significant fraction of their time in kernel code. A full understanding of the behavior of such workloads therefore requires execution and measurement of the operating sy ...

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19 Non-intrusive and interactive profiling in parasight



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Debugging the performance of parallel applications is crucial for fully utilizing the potential of multiprocessor hardware. This paper describes profiling tools in Parasight, a programming environment that is geared towards non-intrusive performance analysis and high-level debugging. In Parasight, profilers execute as observer programs which run concurrently with the target program and monitor its behavior. This design grew out of our experience in debugging and monitoring the performance o ...

20 DISE: a programmable macro engine for customizing applications



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